

List of Annual Events & Observances

The City of Santa Clara "List of Annual Events and Observances" represents a listing of municipally sponsored events and observances that are scheduled to take place during a calendar year. Where possible, more contact information is provided.

Arbor Day/Earth Day

City Hall
1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050
phone: 615-3080

The City of Santa Clara's official Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration is held annually in April. Celebrations are held at City Hall on the upper quad beginning at 10:00 a.m. Citizens interested in celebrating the beauty of trees and the importance of protecting our earth are invited to join members of the City Council, local schools, and others for a celebration that includes guest speakers, information on tree care, environmental educational displays and a Tree City U.S.A. presentation to the City of Santa Clara for the municipal tree program. Funding for this program is primarily handled by donations from local businesses, concerned non-profit organizations and citizen groups. For more information, please contact the Assistant Street Superintendent/City Arborist, John Mendoza at 615-3080.

Art & Wine Festival

Central Park
969 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95051
phone: 615-3140

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, usually 3rd weekend in September. Activities, events include: pancake breakfast, a variety of 200 arts and crafts booths, fine paintings, toys, jewelry and ceramics. Premium wines and micro-brewed beer, and a wide variety of entertainment on four stages. Tantalizing food offered by over 25 different community groups. Kids Kingdom enjoys a variety of attractions such as petting zoo, crafts, face painting and many more. Admission is free.

AVArtFest

Triton Museum of Art
1505 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050
phone: 247-3754

The AVArtFest (Alliance of Visual Artists) is a juried fine art show and sale which gives local emerging artists, along with those already established, an

opportunity to gain experience and learn from participating in a community art event at a professional level. Includes art demonstrations, drawings for art prizes, entertainment, food, children's art activities, and beautiful, fine art in ten different categories on display. Usually held the first weekend in June outdoors at the Triton Museum of Art.

Camellia Show

Community Recreation Center
969 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95050
phone: 615-3080

Co-sponsored by the Camellia Society of Santa Clara County and the City of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department; one of the largest shows in Northern California, displaying thousands of blossoms. Presented the last full weekend in February at the City of Santa Clara Community Recreation Center, 2:30-5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Sunday. General public are invited to bring their favorite blossom to the show and enter as a novice. Entries are accepted the last Saturday of February from 7:00-10:00 a.m. Children are encouraged to enter the youth category. Admission is free. For details, call 615-3080.

Cemetery Activities and Flag Flying Schedule

Mission City Memorial Park
420 N. Winchester Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95050
phone: 984-3090

Twenty-one United States flags (9'x6') are flown on designated holidays at the front of Mission City Memorial Park. Flags were donated by Mission City Community Fund with funds provided by Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Presidents Day: 3rd Monday in February

Memorial Day: Last Monday in May (Cemetery historical tour)

Flag Day: June 14

Independence Day: July 4

Labor Day: 1st Monday in September

Veteran's Day: November 11 (American Legion Post #419 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Schedule a Service at their option)

Central Park Flag Schedules

Central Park
909 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95050
phone: 615-3140

Fifty-seven United States Flags are flown on designated holidays at the front of Central Park along Kiely Blvd. (from the Community Recreation Center to the bus stop across from Kaiser Hospital). Flags were donated by Mission City Community Fund, with funds provided by Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Listed are the dates that the flags will be flown at Central Park:

Presidents Day: 3rd Monday in February

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Children's Halloween Party

Youth Activity Center

2450 Cabrillo Ave. (at San Tomas Expressway), Santa Clara, CA 95051

phone: 615-3760

October 31, costume party includes entertainment, treats, tiny tots play area, carnival games, contest, and arts and crafts - children ages 2-11. Refreshments on sale. Admission is free. The party is held at the Youth Activity Center between 12 noon-3 p.m.

City of Santa Clara's Open House

City Hall

1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050

phone: 615-2210

Note: This event has been canceled due to budget constraints.

The City of Santa Clara's Open House to be held the second Saturday in May, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., features interactive displays, demonstrations, City vehicles and equipment, entertainment and more! All City departments participate. The event is usually held in conjunction with the Santa Clara Kiwanis/Lions Fish Derby, the Triton Museum of Art Family Day, and the Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium Open House.

City-Wide Garage Sale

Street Department

1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050

phone: 615-2063

This event is typically held once a year in August. This is NOT a flea market, and is held at residents' homes within



the City of Santa Clara. Participants use space in front of their property to display sale items. The City provides tips to residents for holding a successful garage sale. For more information on this Yearly Event, visit the Street Department section of this website, or call 615-2063.

Concerts in the Park

909 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95051
phone: 615-3140

Free Concerts to the public, are held on Sundays and some Wednesdays at the Central Park Pavilion. The Concerts, which are sponsored by the Cultural Commission, feature Jazz, Easy Listening, and a variety of orchestras. Sunday concerts begin at 2:30 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday concerts are at 6:30 pm. to 8:00 p.m. Concert dates are in June, July, and August.

Easter Egg Hunt

Central Park (Adjacent to International Swim Center, Patricia Drive)
909 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95051
phone: 615-3140

Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Saturday, prior to Easter Sunday at Central Park in Santa Clara. Free event starts at 9:00 a.m. and includes candy, entertainment and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Face painting, petting zoo, and balloons are available for small children. Hunt begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. with division to ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and special needs. The Santa Clara Kiwanis, Santa Clara Elks Lodge #2347 and the Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department sponsor this event.

4th of July All City Picnic

Central Park
909 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95051
phone: 615-3140

Traditional event with a pancake breakfast, plenty of exhibits and carnival games, petting zoo, various games and contests for families and individuals, outdoor concerts. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase great American food furnished by local community groups. Time: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., July 4. Since 2002, fireworks have been shown at dusk.

Historic Home Tour

An annual Historic Home tour features Santa Clara historic homes, usually the first weekend in December. Proceeds support cultural and historic preservation projects in Santa Clara. The Historic Preservation Society in

cooperation with the Old Quad Residents' Association sponsors this tour.

Holiday Remembrance Service

Mission City Memorial Park (Cemetery)
420 N. Winchester Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95050
phone: 984-3090

A special Holiday Service of Remembrance is held each December, usually the second Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Mission City Memorial Park. The service includes special readings, inspiring songs and group singing, memorial tree decorating, and refreshments. For more information, call 984-3090.

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

City Hall
1546 Civic Center Dr. (Corner of Civic Center at Lincoln St.)
Santa Clara, CA 95050
phone: 615-3170 (Senior Center)

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on the 1st Friday in December at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. Sponsored by the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission, it is truly a family affair. Evening includes lighting of City Holiday Tree, entertainment from the community, holiday safety displays and refreshments. Highlights for the children: visit by Santa Claus with treats for everyone. Donate a canned good that will go to needy families during the holiday season.

Mission City Community Fund Annual Charity Dinner and Auction

Held the first Saturday in November at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Proceeds from the Dinner and Auction are granted to organizations that support needy people in the City of Santa Clara, Theater and the Arts, Social Services, Education, Health Care and the Environment. For more information about the Dinner or to make a donation, call Roger Barnes at 423-2085.

Nutcracker Ballet

Santa Clara Convention Center Theater
5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054
phone: 247-9178 (Santa Clara Ballet School)

Santa Clara Ballet Company's annual production of the Nutcracker Ballet includes four performances given over the second weekend in December. For tickets and additional information, contact the Santa Clara Ballet Box Office

at (408) 881-0879. Sponsored in part by the Santa Clara Cultural Advisory Commission.

Santa Clara International Swim Meet

George F. Haines International Swim Center
2625 Patricia Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051
246-5050 - Dick Jochums, Head Coach Santa Clara Swim Club

The Santa Clara Swim meet is held Thursday through Sunday, the last weekend in June. Designed by former Coach George Haines to attract top swimmers in the world to a world class invitational in the United States. It includes swimmers from the Western and Eastern United States, and also international swimmers. This meet has been televised live with coverage by ABC Sports and ESPN. Many national teams during Olympic years use this meet as their final tune up for Olympic competition. United States Olympic Team members are usually well represented at this meet. Swim Club parents, the Pacific Association of U.S.A. Swimming, Inc. and the City of Santa Clara coordinate this meet.

Santa Clara Kiwanis and Lions Club Fish Derby

1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050
phone: 244-8004 (Alan "Doc" Everett)

The Annual Fish Derby is held on Saturday in April or in May at the City Hall Fountain. The Fish Derby is for children and is free. Call Doc Everett, with the Kiwanis for more information, date, time and details.

Santa Clara PAL (Police Activities League) Dinner Dance

The Santa Clara PAL Dinner Dance is held every year to honor the people that contribute time and as a fundraiser for PAL. The PAL Dinner Dance is sometimes held at the Triton Museum on the 2nd Saturday in October. Please call PAL at 615-4880 for details.

Santa Clara PAL (Police Activities League) Golf Tournament

The Santa Clara PAL Golf Tournament is usually held the 3rd Wednesday of August at the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club. A dinner banquet is held directly after the tournament at David's Restaurant. Please call PAL at 615-4880 to participate or to make donations.

Showtime

Santa Clara Community Recreation Center Auditorium
969 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95051
phone: 615-3140

Annual original melodrama and Olio - Held usually at the end of February, first weekend in March, Friday, Saturday 7:00 p.m. and Sunday Matinee 1:30 p.m. The event is a fundraiser of the Santa Clara Women's League. Proceeds benefit the Health and Wellness Program at the Santa Clara Senior Center. Tickets available at the Community Recreation Center and Santa Clara Senior Center. \$5.00 per person. Door prizes, food and beverages are served.